SI. No.	Name of District	No. of Telephone Exchanges
9.	Almora	2
10.	Bageshwar	-
11.	Champawat	2
12.	Pithoragarh	2
13.	Dehradun	3
	TOTAL;	22

Call rates of Reliance WLL mobile services

952. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether call rates of WLL mobile services of Reliance are quite low *vis-a-vis* call rates of other cellular phones; and

(b) the details in terms of percentage to the extent these charges are less?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) It is extremely difficult to compare the call rate of WLL mobile services with that of cellular mobile services because of the large number of tariff packages offered by cellular operators. Moreover, there is no uniform rate of call charges either in WLL (M) or cellular service across all the different packages. The call charges also vary from circle to circle and from operator to operator. Depending upon his usage pattern, the subscriber chooses from among the alternative packages offered by the operators.

Village Public Telephones

953. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of trie question was received in Hindi.